

If Dr Kean is so concerned about this "epidemic" why did he not contact either or both of us, or for that matter the Commissioner of Health, when he "realised" his findings? We are also puzzled by his apparent failure to report his cases to the Health Department, a requirement of the New York City Health Code.

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## Notices

### Wellcome Museum

The Wellcome Museum of the History of Medicine is now housed at the Science Museum in South Kensington, where it will form the basis of a national medical collection. Two new galleries will open there in 1980 and 1981 to provide a permanent display of medical history.

It has been drawn to our attention that material relating to the history of venereology and venereal diseases is scattered, fragmentary, and often in danger of being destroyed. This is particularly the case for the twentieth century, during which time venereology has been reorganised as a distinct branch of medicine, with a result that records are not necessarily held centrally.

The materials of interest might range from three dimensional objects such as instruments, literature such as printed forms or leaflets, photographs, and manuscript notes (ephemeral or otherwise), all of which can supply valuable background information for the study of venereology and the work of the clinics.

The historian to the collection will be very glad to hear from readers with any items of this kind: Dr Christopher Lawrence, The Wellcome Museum of the History of Medicine, Science Museum, South Kensington, London SW7 2DD (telephone 01-589-3456, ext 565).

### RSM Meeting: "Sexually Transmitted Diseases"

A meeting of the Section of Epidemiology and Community Medicine of the Royal Society of Medicine is to be held on Thursday 13 November 1980 at 5.30 p.m.

The speakers—all from the Academic Department of Genitourinary Medicine at the Middlesex Hospital, London—will be: Professor M W Adler (on "The size of the problem—how accurate?"); Miss E M Belsey (on "Cases versus patients—multiple attenders identified"); and Mr R M Harrison (on "The role of symptoms in treatment seeking patterns of women with genital symptoms").

Those intending to attend should apply to the Sections Office of the Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE, for the appropriate attendance voucher.

### Bulletin of sexually transmitted diseases

The Dutch Foundation against Venereal Diseases is now publishing a quarterly bulletin, *Bulletin Sexueel Overdraagbare Aandoeningen*. Further information can be obtained from Dr W T A M Henderikx, John F Kennedylaan 99, 3981 G B Bunnik, Postbus 100, 3980 C C Bunnik, the Netherlands.

## Correction

In the letter by P B Carey and J N Johnson (1980; **56**:57) on "Diverticular disease presenting at a special clinic" the first reference should have read, "... *Br J Urol* 1969; **41**:314-9."